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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act eliminating joint and several liability in comparative  
2 fault actions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 668.4, Code 1995, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 668.4 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY.

4 In actions brought under this chapter, the rule of joint  
5 and several liability shall not apply ~~to defendants who are~~  
6 ~~found to bear less than fifty percent of the total fault~~  
7 ~~assigned to all parties.~~

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill eliminates joint and several liability in  
10 comparative fault actions. Currently, joint and several  
11 liability exists only in the event that a defendant is found  
12 to bear at least 50 percent of the total fault assigned to all  
13 parties.

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